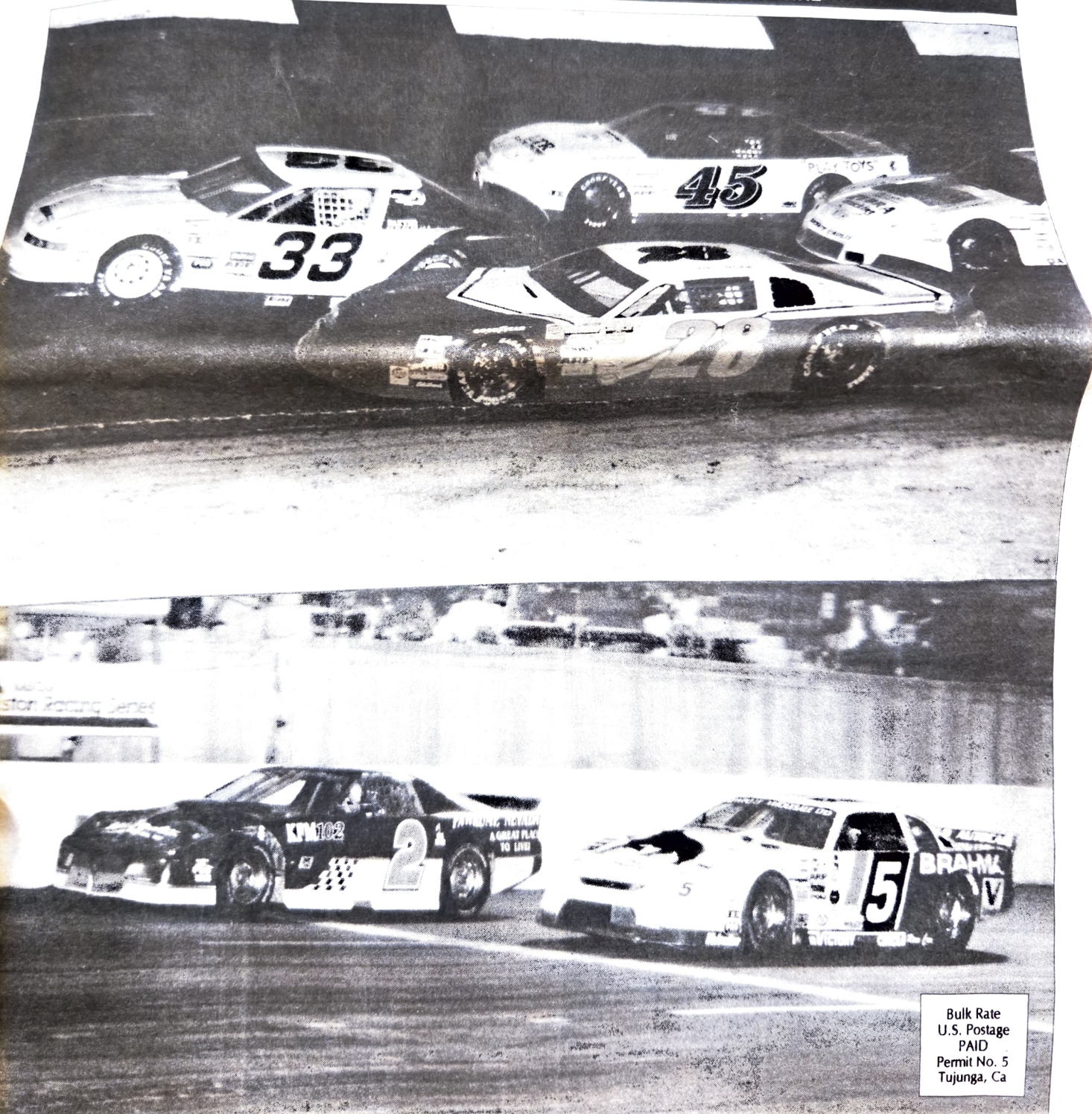


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INMAN RETURNS FOR ALTAMONT FEATURE WIN

by Gary Jacob
TRACY, Calif. (August 6) -- Returning for the first time since the Firecracker 50 lapper, Billy Inman beat Walt Haas on a lap 41 restart and won Sunday afternoon's 50 lap special for the street stocks at Altamont Raceway Park. Inman's win paid \$500 plus a \$110 bonus for coming from 12th starting as the division opened it's three race mini series of 50 lap specials. Haas was a \$300 second and Verg Beary collected \$200 for his third place finish. The race did not pay points as the division raced with the super modifieds and the track elected not to sanction the day with NASCAR.

The action drew a 17 car field, but Bob Rainey crashed hard in hot laps and had to be transported to the hospital. The

16 car feature was completely inverted off time trials, but two of the cars arrived after time trials to put fast timer Dan Reed and Haas in row 7. Beary threw a wheel in time trials and started on the pole. He raced into the early lead over Mike Ficklin and Mike Friesen. Kurt Sanders and Inman got together in turn 3 on lap 2 and both spun with Sanders losing a lap before restarting. Haas raced into third on the restart and both he and Reed passed Ficklin for the 2-3 slots on lap 6. Ficklin spun in a tangle with Charlie Kramm and expressed his displeasure on the track, getting ejected from the event. Haas passed Beary for the lead on the lap 12 restart and Reed used an outside pass to claim second three laps later. On the next lap, both Reed and Beary

spun in turn 1, collecting up Inman as Reed made contact with the crashwall. Reed lost a lap in the pits and returned despite damaged steering. Inman restarted in the rear and Firecracker 50 winner Steve Stacy was now second ahead of Kramm. Inman was back to 5th on lap 20 and passed Kramm for third on the restart. Mark Wisxon blew running 5th and Alan Clemens dropped out. Stacy spun with a flat tire after being passed by both Inman and Beary on lap 32. Stacy lost laps in the pits making repairs and a spin by Brian Koski forced a lap 40 yellow flag. On the restart, a strong outside run by Inman gained him the lead with the yellow again flying as Sanders spun. At the urging of the drivers, the track switched to racing to

DINGER WINS FIRST LATE MODEL MAIN AT KERN COUNTY RACEWAY

by Chris Huth
ROSAMOND, Calif. (August 5) -- Last Saturday night the town of Simi Valley was well represented at Kern County Raceway in the KCR Late Models by Kenny Kranzler and Scott Dinger. Kranzler took the Dash and Dinger won the Main. Second-place finisher Jeff Schrader of Santa Clarita was Dinger's only real threat, but a 5-car battle for third raged throughout the 30-lap feature, with

another Simi Valley resident, Rick Hopkins, taking the spot followed by Rick Crow, of Canyon Country, and Covina's Jeff Saelid.

Pro Stock action saw Richard Hooper of Palmdale win the trophy dash by way of a disqualification. The main was a real barn-burner with plenty of lead changes. In the end, Craig Jensen of Sunland had charged through the field for the win, just

ahead of North Hills driver Don Dorman and 3rd place finisher Chris Doyle of Canyon Country.

In Grand American Modifieds, it was Dave Phipps of Simi Valley in the Dash, but Palmdale driver "Bad" Brad Miller edged Phipps for the win in the Main. Third place went to Canyon Country's John Watkinson followed by Dave Blankenship of Reseda and Ron Katz, of Simi Valley.

Legend Car racing was fast and furious. In the Semi-Pro ranks, Jim White of Covina won the Dash, but Steve Stearns of Huntington Beach made his main event win look easy. Second place went to Santa Ana's Ryan Bankhead, while two lady

drivers, Kim Gillette of Lancaster and Gerra Rae Schaeffer of La Quinta, waged war for the third spot, with Gillette finally taking the position.

Mini Stock regular Rick Nisbet of Lancaster won the Dash in the Legend Car Pro Division, but it was all Peter Martin of Pacific Palisades in the Main Event. Lake Elsinore wheelman Frank Steiner took a hard fought 2nd just ahead of a pack of drivers battling for third. Temecula's Brian Stewart edged Art Neville of Acton for that spot.

KCR LATE MODELS

MAIN: 1. Scott Dinger, 2. Jeff Schrader, 3. Rick Hopkins, 4. Rick Crow, 5. Jeff Saelid, 6. Bill Fife, 7. John Schultz, 8. Kenny Kranzler

RABE AND WARD WINNERS IN BLYTHE PRO STOCK ACTION

by Al Blums
BLYTHE, Calif. (August 12) -- With a great pass three-wide, Emil 'The Rabbit' Rabe of Moreno Valley forged into the lead in the 25-lap Pro Stock main event Saturday night at Blythe Speedway and motored on to a victory. Deryk Ward of Palm Springs ran out of laps trying to chase down Rabe, and had to settle for second place, finishing about a car length behind.

challenger Carson Woods of Yucca Valley, raged on, with Harris clinging to the smallest possible margin, five points, at evening's end.

Harris won the trophy dash, but Woods came back strong to top his heat race and the main event, to set the stage for the season showdown with only three races remaining for the Pony Stocks.

Local favorite Steve Almqvist

the season championship, made contact in turn Four while fighting for fourth place in the race. Harris went spinning towards the infield, and Woods hit the outside wall hard, escaping injury but being unable to continue to race his heavily damaged car.

After the ensuing red flag, Harris continued from the back of the pack, with virtually no damage to his car in what was ruled a racing incident by the officials, with no wrongful conduct by either driver.

allow Harris to continue in the main event apparently believing Harris intentionally caused the wreck. However, videotape replays subsequently showed that the ruling appeared to be correct.

Three other divisions all had clean sweeps, for the first time in Speed history, where close competition and many different winners are the norm. Pro Stock featured Deryk Ward of Palm Springs grabbing the main, dash, and his heat race with Chris Gallegos of Blythe scoring